



**THE WOODLANDS TOWNSHIP**

The Woodlands, TX

## NEWS RELEASE

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## The Woodlands Township COVID-19 Update, Thursday, May 28, 2020



### Township Board of Directors Holds Videoconference Meeting

The Woodlands Township Board of Directors approved a plan to open seven (7) swimming pools to start the summer based on the availability of lifeguards during its regular meeting via videoconference at 6 p.m. Wednesday, May 27, 2020. [The implemented plan](#) includes Alden Bridge, Sawmill, Creekwood, Forestgate, Bear Branch, Wendtwoods, and Harper's Landing Pools.

The Board also recognized The Woodlands High School Choir and took action on a number of other items on the Regular Agenda. Please visit [www.thewoodlandstowship-tx.gov](http://www.thewoodlandstowship-tx.gov) to view the entire meeting.



#### **Township To Open Several Neighborhood Pools June 6, 2020**

[Watch a video](#) of Township Chairman Gordy Bunch announcing the opening of swimming pools in The Woodlands.

### ***State News***

#### **Governor Abbott Proclamation:**

##### **Additional Services and Activities That Can Open Under Phase II**

Governor Greg Abbott issued a proclamation expanding additional services and activities that can open under Phase II of the state's plan to safely and strategically open. With this proclamation, water parks, recreational sport programs for adults, driver education programs, and food-court dining areas within shopping malls can begin operations with limited occupancy or regulations to protect the health and safety of Texans.

Minimum standard health protocols outlined by the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) are recommended and located on the Open Texas webpage. [View the Governor's proclamation](#). For a list of open and closed facilities in The Woodlands Township, please visit <https://www.thewoodlandstownship-tx.gov/1495/Re-opening-of-The-Woodlands>.

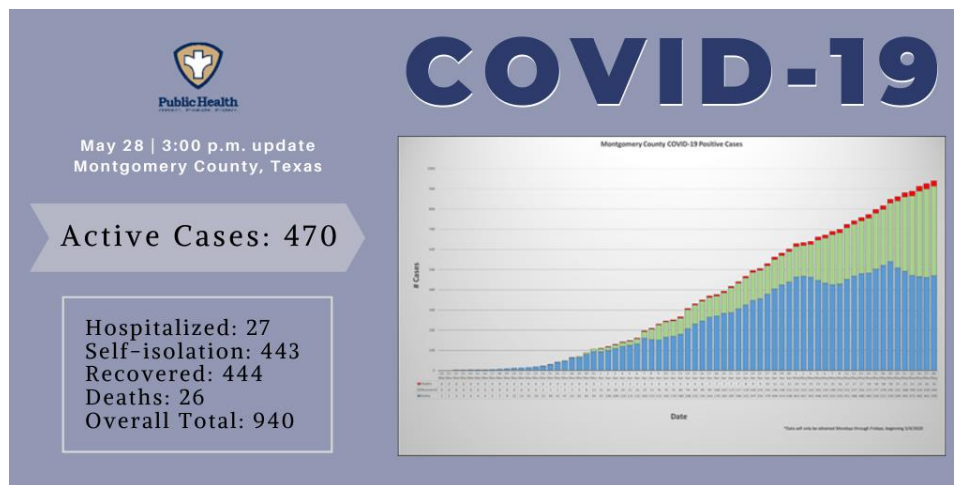
### ***County News***

#### **Montgomery County COVID-19 Case Count**

Montgomery County Public Health District, in conjunction with Montgomery County Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, can confirm the number of ACTIVE cases of COVID-19 has increased to 470 today. That number includes 27 hospitalizations. 444 people have fully recovered. The number of total positive cases has increased 14 since yesterday to 940.

You can view the list of case-by-case updates on the MCPHD website here: <https://mcphd-tx.org/coronavirus-covid-19/confirmed-cases/>. You can refer to the dashboard here: <https://coronavirus-response-moco.hub.arcgis.com/>.

The MCHD/MCPHD COVID-19 Call Center is open for residents needing COVID-19 testing through our voucher program, or for general questions, Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.



### Harris County COVID-19 Case Count

Harris County Public Health (HCPH) publishes their daily case count, combined with the City of Houston's daily case count, here: <https://tinyurl.com/tzymvk5>. Cases by zip code in Harris County can be found by clicking on areas of the [map](#).

The Village of Creekside Park is located in two zip codes: 77375 and 77389 and these also include Magnolia, Augusta Pines/Auburn Lakes/West Rayford Road in northwest Harris County. Today, Harris County is reporting zip code 77375 has 83 confirmed positive cases with 32 active cases and 77389 has 51 confirmed positive cases with 14 active cases.

## National News

### Coronavirus Testing Basics

There are two different types of tests – diagnostic tests and antibody tests. A diagnostic test can show if you have an active coronavirus infection and should take steps to quarantine or isolate yourself from others. An antibody test looks for antibodies that are made by the immune system in response to a threat, such as a specific virus. [Learn more](#) about the different types of tests and the steps involved.

### CDC Reaffirms Virus Spreads More Through Person-to-Person and Not Surfaces

According to the CDC, social distancing is still the most important method of avoiding the COVID-19 virus, and residents are urged to understand how the virus is thought to spread:

- Between people who are in close contact with one another (within about 6 feet).

- Through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs, sneezes, or talks.
- These droplets can land in the mouths or noses of people who are nearby or possibly be inhaled into the lungs.
- COVID-19 may be spread by people who are not showing symptoms.

Read more information on the [spread of COVID-19](#) from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.



### Happy National Burger Day

There is still time to celebrate The Great American Take Out and their Burger Bash! Join us in supporting the community by supporting our local restaurants. From dine in to carry out, you can find several options to enjoy an incredible burger [here](#).

## ***Township News***



### **Sawdust Park and Ride Facility Resumes Partial Service**

Effective Monday, June 1, 2020, The Woodlands Township will be restoring partial service for The Woodlands Express from the Sawdust Park and Ride location.

- Reduced service from the Research Forest Park and Ride will continue.
- Sterling Ridge Park & Ride location will remain temporarily closed.
- Future announcements will be made if additional schedule adjustments are implemented.
- Even though reduced, service from Sawdust will include Downtown Houston, the Texas Medical Center, and Greenway Plaza locations. Please view the [revised schedule](#).
- The midday run back from Texas Medical Center and Downtown to the Sawdust Park and Ride will remain in place.
- Riders are encouraged to download and use the mobile ticketing app. More information can be found here: <https://www.thewoodlandstownship-tx.gov/1453/Mobile-Ticketing>
- All passengers are highly encouraged to wear masks. All drivers will be wearing face masks while on duty.
- All buses are being limited to 50% occupancy with spare buses available to ensure plenty of capacity for all passengers for all runs. Other social distancing and enhanced disinfection protocols are also in place. Please visit our Twitter page at <https://twitter.com/TownshipTransit> for the latest service updates. For schedules, route maps and ticketing information visit [www.woodlandstransit.com](http://www.woodlandstransit.com) or call (281) 210-3800 and ask for the Transportation Department.



## #Township Together



Send us your photos! The Woodlands Township is calling on residents to share images of inspiration within the community. These can be a photo of something seen in the neighborhood, a family project or anything with a positive message. These will be shared through the Township email updates, social media channels and on [The Woodlands Township website](http://www.thewoodlandstownship-tx.gov). Send your photos to [TownshipTogether@thewoodlandstownship-tx.gov](mailto:TownshipTogether@thewoodlandstownship-tx.gov).

### Thinking About a Home Improvement?

Applications for improvements are being reviewed and acted on by Township Covenant Administration staff. Applications can be mailed or submitted online. Please visit [www.thewoodlandstownship-tx.gov/covenants](http://www.thewoodlandstownship-tx.gov/covenants) for additional information. Applications can be **submitted online** to: [covad@thewoodlandstownship-tx.gov](mailto:covad@thewoodlandstownship-tx.gov).



### **Try A Water Bike at Riva Row Boat House**

The Woodlands Township recently began offering water bikes as a new and exciting rental option at Riva Row Boat House. Water bikes are being added to the many rental options already available at Riva Row, including single and tandem (or double) kayaks, stand-up paddleboards and swan pedal boats. [Read more](#) about water bikes at the Riva Row Boat House.

### **Fourth of July Parade Cancelled**

The Township has learned that the South County 4th of July Committee and Market Street have announced the cancellation of the 44th Annual 4th of July Parade, "***Stars & Stripes Forever***" due to the COVID-19 pandemic. With the potential of over 20,000 spectators and 200 volunteers gathering along the parade route through Town Center and Market Street, holding the parade would not be in the best interest of health and safety for the community.

More information about cancelled, postponed or revised Fourth of July events will be publicized as soon as information is available.



### **The Woodlands Farmer's Market Now Open Saturday Mornings from 8 a.m. to noon**

The Woodlands Farmer's Market re-opened May 23, 2020! Customers are encouraged to check the [website](#), [Facebook page](#) or newsletter for definite details including phases in which the market will open, participating vendors, and best practices for visitors.

The market now has a different layout in order to promote social distancing for customers and vendors. Instead of having two aisles with the vendors facing each other, the vendors will be in a rectangle with the customers walking on the outside. There will be hand sanitizer stands and markers to help customers.

### **Open Stores at Market Street**

Several retailers at Market Street are currently open, and more will be opening in the coming weeks. Market Street management notes that individual retailers may require a mask and additional safety requirements upon entry, so customers are encouraged to call ahead to verify hours and guidelines. Visit their [website](#) for the list of currently open stores, phone numbers and Market Street's safety guidelines as it relates to common areas.

### **Open Stores in The Woodlands Mall**

The Woodlands Mall reopened on Tuesday, May 5, 2020. Visit their website for the list of [currently open stores](#), [safety measures](#) and [curbside pickup options](#).





### **Open Hotels in The Woodlands**

Many of The Woodlands hotel properties are open and ready to welcome you to their location. The Woodlands Resort re-opened on May 20, 2020, and will be open every day. Find all the details on the Resort's [website](#). [The Embassy Suites](#) is opening their doors on June 1, 2020. Below is a list of all open hotels in The Woodlands at this time. Be sure to stay up to date by viewing [Visit The Woodlands](#).

- [Best Western Plus](#)
- [Candlewood Suites](#)
- [Drury Inn The Woodlands](#)
- [Fairfield Inn and Suites](#)
- [Hilton Garden Inn](#)
- [Hyatt Place](#)
- [Residence Inn Lakefront Drive](#)
- [Residence Inn Market Street](#)
- [The Woodlands Resort](#)

### **Community Resources**

Numerous resources are available in the community for support. These vary from food banks to financial assistance and much more. Please visit the link below to find more information about resources in the community related to COVID-19:

<http://thewoodlandstowship-tx.gov/1491/Community-Resources>



***Type O blood especially is in demand, and we're asking you to come in and donate today!  
Together, we are united in one mission: Saving lives.***

With surgeries starting back up at local hospitals, the need for more blood donations is growing daily. Your blood donation is essential to keep the blood supply strong and steady. Without on-going donors, we cannot ensure patients have the blood they need.

**You Never Know Whose Life You Might Save**

So don't miss your chance to save lives! Click the underlined link below to reserve your donation appointment. Thank you in advance.

**[Woodland Oaks Church Of Christ](#)**

**Sunday, June 7, 2020**

**7:30 a.m. to noon**

**7300 Crownridge (Church Parking Lot)**

**The Woodlands, TX 77382**

The Blood Center is now requiring that donors wear a mask or face covering when at a blood drive. In the case that you do not have one, staff will offer you one. The safety of donors and staff are important to us. Your support in this matter is greatly appreciated.

**Red Cross Family Assistance**

The American Red Cross has launched a Virtual Family Assistance Center (VFAC) to support families struggling with loss and grief due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. The Red Cross is here to provide compassion and support to families as they grieve.

To help, the Red Cross has set up a virtual team of specially trained mental health, spiritual care and health services volunteers who are:

- Connecting with families over the phone to offer condolences, support and access to resources that may be available
- Providing support for virtual memorial services for families, including connecting with local faith-based community partners
- Hosting online classes to foster resilience and facilitate coping skills (Coping in Today's World and Psychological First Aid)
- Sharing information and referrals to state and local agencies as well as other community organizations including legal resources for estate, custody, immigration or other issues
- Front-line responders, such as healthcare workers, workers at long-term care facilities, and other essential personnel dealing with families of COVID-19 patients, are welcome to call as well.

All Family Assistance Center support will be provided virtually and is completely confidential and free.

Please visit [www.redcross.org/vfac](http://www.redcross.org/vfac) to access a support hub with special virtual programs, information, referrals and services to support families in need. The hub will also connect people to other community resources provided by partners. People without internet access can call 833-492-0094 for help.

### **Township's Coronavirus page**

The Woodlands Township's special COVID-19 information page can be found at [www.thewoodlandstownship-tx.gov/covid19](http://www.thewoodlandstownship-tx.gov/covid19). This page features Montgomery and Harris county Hubs, community resources and updated COVID-19 news from the Federal Government and the CDC. This page also includes the latest news from The Township, updates from partner agencies, social distancing strategies, important links, frequently asked questions, live Twitter feeds and more.

### **Stay Connected**

Please stay connected to The Woodlands Township through our many communications channels. Learn more and sign up at [www.thewoodlandstownship-tx.gov/stayinformed](http://www.thewoodlandstownship-tx.gov/stayinformed).

*The Woodlands Township publishes this update to inform residents and businesses regarding the COVID-19 and its impact on The Woodlands Township. Please sign up for Township news and notifications at [www.thewoodlandstownship-tx.gov/notifyme](http://www.thewoodlandstownship-tx.gov/notifyme).*